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NC's Conservation Trust Fund Grants Awarded By County 1987-2006

The role that **North Carolina's conservation trust**

funds (pdf 800 KB) play is critical to protecting places

that matter in North Carolina.

Below is a listing of every county in North Carolina, with a

link to a file listing all the grants the various conservation

trust funds have awarded between 1987 and 2006. **You**

can also download stories about sample projects

throughout the state (pdf 650 KB).

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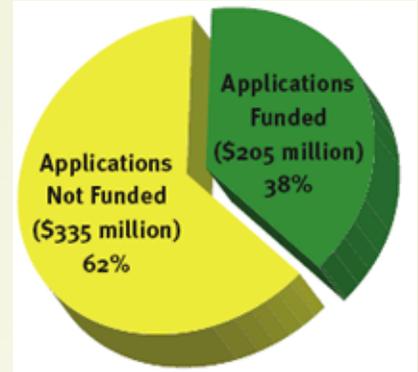
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State funding shortfall for NC land and water conservation reached \$335 million in 2006. Because of this shortfall, NC is unable to grant more than half of the funding needed.

Every trust fund grant dollar is matched, on average, by **\$1.40** from private donations and local and federal government grants.

[Download a pdf of these trust fund statistics](#)

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The Land for Tomorrow partnership is advocating an additional \$1 billion to protect NC's water, farms, forests, parks, and historic places.

Beaufort County

Bertie County

Bladen County

Brunswick County

Buncombe County

Burke County

Cabarrus County

Caldwell County

Camden County

Carteret County

Caswell County

Catawba County

Chatham County

Cherokee County

Chowan County

Clay County

Cleveland County

Columbus County

Craven County

Cumberland County

Currituck County

Dare County

Davidson County

Davie County

Duplin County

Durham County

Edgecombe County

Forsyth County

Franklin County

Gaston County

Gates County

Graham County

Granville County

Greene County

Guilford County

Halifax County

Harnett County

Haywood County

Henderson County

Hertford County

Hoke County

Hyde County

Iredell County

Jackson County

Johnston County

Jones County

Lee County

Lenoir County

Lincoln County

Macon County

Madison County

Martin County

McDowell County

Mecklenburg County

Mitchell County

Montgomery County

Moore County

Nash County

New Hanover County

Northampton County

Onslow County

Orange County

Pamlico County

Pasquotank County

Pender County

Perquimans County

Person County

Pitt County

Polk County

Randolph County

Richmond County

Robeson County

Rockingham County

Rowan County

Rutherford County

Sampson County

Scotland County

Stanly County

Stokes County

Surry County

Swain County

Transylvania County

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The Nature Conservancy quickly went to work with the NC Wildlife Resources Commission, the NC Natural Heritage Program, and others to determine which International Paper parcels were critical for water quality protection and for rare species of wildlife and native plants. The NC Division of Parks and Recreation and NC Department of Cultural Resources also jumped in to help assess the recreational and historic value of the tracts.

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Partners in Franklin County

- [Friends of the Mountains-to-Sea Trails](#)
- [Tar River Land Conservancy](#)

76,500 acres of its most biologically significant forest, wetland, and rivers for approximately \$80 million.

The land conserved is along the Chowan, Roanoke, and Tar Rivers in northeastern NC and along Juniper Creek in the state's far southeastern tip.

The former timber lands are rich with natural treasures, from swamp forests and estuaries to longleaf savannas and alluvial plains.

Nearly 80 percent of the property will be transferred to the NC Wildlife Resources Commission, adding to the state's Game Land program. Other tracts will become part of Medoc Mountain State Park, a new Civil War historic site on the Roanoke River, and conservation lands that The Nature Conservancy will manage.

The Nature Conservancy took the financial risk at the outset, but the state's conservation trust funds and NC Wildlife Resources Commission are working to cover the state's share for properties that will go into public ownership by the spring of 2009. On schedule, the Clean Water Management Trust Fund awarded grants in 2006 that totaled \$16,286,000, and the Natural Heritage Trust Fund awarded \$4,664,000, which is going toward the \$80 million purchase price.

The state's investment will safeguard these lands for years to come, protecting

wildlife and the drinking water downstream.

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